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Re: Comments on Plan of Operations, Shamrock Mining Associates, Honeycomb Calcite Mine, S/013/004, Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Weldon:

Thank you for the latest plan of operations for the referenced mine which we received April 10, 2003. We have the following comments:

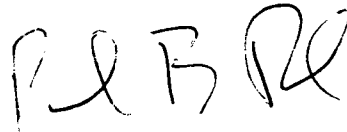
1. The plan is marked confidential, but the only information the Division can hold confidential is that which relates to the size, location, and nature of the mineral deposit. The only parts of the revised plan of operations that appear to fit these categories are the maps, Table 1, and some of the information in the project description. We question whether it is necessary to keep this information confidential, particularly the maps. Please advise us of the operator's desires to keep these parts of the plan confidential.
2. Section VIII of the plan, Operating Plan Acceptance, has not been signed by the operator or an authorized representative. It is important that a responsible official of the operator sign the plan and accept responsibility for mining and reclamation operations.
3. The legal description in Section III does not give the base and meridian. It appears this is the Uintah Special Meridian.
4. The section on water quality indicates no water is used in the operation. Is no water used for dust control? Does the operator have an Air Quality Approval Order?

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5. The Division will need to obtain a clearance from the State Historic Preservation Office for any new disturbances.

Please let us know as these issues are addressed. We appreciate you sending us a copy of the plan. If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker'.

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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cc: Darrell North (Shamrock Mining Associates)
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